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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

The general trend on slaughter steers and heifers at midwest terminals was weak to 50¢ lower, this the third straight week of lower prices resulting in a \$1.00-1.25 lower trend for the three-week period. For the week under review, slaughter cows closed steady to 75¢ lower; stockers and feeders steady to 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off. Barrows and gilts were largely steady to 25¢ lower; sows mostly steady to 25¢ higher, except steady to 25¢ lower at St. Louis and Kansas City. Slaughter lambs closed 25¢-\$1.00 lower at most terminals.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers and heifers sold lower under the influence of lower prices in the dressed trade and the beginning of the lenten season, despite decreased marketings of slaughter steers at the 7 markets. Slaughter steers closed weak to 50¢ lower; heifers weak to 75¢ lower, mostly 25-50¢ off. Steers and heifers grading Standard and Good underwent the greatest decline with a few points \$1.00 off on such kinds. Cows sold steady to 75¢ lower, except steady to strong at St. Paul. Bulls were steady to \$1.00 lower; vealers \$1.00-3.00 lower at St. Paul and St. Louis. Slaughter steers and heifers predominated in the receipts with bulk Good and Choice. However, most points received an increased showing of Good while the number grading average-Choice and Prime declined. Prime offerings made up 15 percent of the slaughter steer supply at Chicago, against 20 percent the previous week.

Ten loads Prime 1175-1325# slaughter steers brought \$28.25 in Chicago where the bulk of the Choice and Prime 900-1400# brought \$25.00-28.00. At other points a few loads of mixed Choice and Prime 1100-1300# sold at \$27.00-27.25 while bulk of the high-Good and Choice 900-1300# cashed at \$24.00-26.75. Some Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1350-1750# steers sold at \$23.00-27.00 with Prime 1450# \$27.50 in Chicago. Good steers bulked at \$22.00-25.25. Mixed Choice and Prime heifers moved at \$26.00-26.50; Choice \$24.25-26.00; Good heifers sold at \$21.50-24.25. Utility and Commercial cows cashed at \$15.00-16.50; Canner and Cutter \$13.00-15.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stockers and feeders were about normal for this time of year. Shipments of steers from the 10 markets totaled 17,400 head, compared 15,500 the previous week and 15,100 a year earlier. At midwest terminals prices generally were steady to weak following the declines of the previous week, instances \$1.00 off. At southwest markets prices were unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. Lower slaughter cattle prices represented a principal factor influencing a bearish demand. However, even though feeder buyers proceeded cautiously, lessened

competition from slaughterers on two-way kinds of cattle found a moderate number of such kinds being routed into feeder channels.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold chiefly from \$22.00-25.00, Choice around 800# occasionally upward to \$25.50 while 1000-1050# seldom exceeded \$24.25 as weight continued to be an important price determining factor. Medium and low-Good feeders sold from \$19.00-22.50. Few loads Choice and Fancy 525-580# stock steers brought \$28.00-30.00; bulk Good and Choice 550-750# \$23.00-27.50. Medium and low-Good stockers cashed at \$20.00-23.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers bulked at \$21.50-25.00, load Choice and Fancy 521# \$27.00. Scattered shipments of Choice 400-450# steer calves brought \$31.00-31.50 but majority Good and Choice steer calves sold from \$26.00-30.50 and some Good, mostly in small lots, brought \$24.00. Two shipments Choice and Fancy 363-423# heifer calves brought \$28.00-29.00, but most Good and Choice heifer calves sold from \$22.00-27.00. Medium and Good stock cows sold chiefly from \$14.00-17.00, few Good \$18.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog receipts at the 12 markets totaled 293,000 head, slightly less than the previous week, and 9 percent below a year ago. Consist of the supplies did not change much from recent weeks with bulk of the offerings comprised of mixed U. S. No. 1-3 190-270# barrows and gilts. There was, however, a moderate showing of 270-300# at most of the western Corn Belt markets. A few points showed a small percentage increase in sows but generally this class made up 6 to 11 percent at the various centers. The recent Government Purchase Program for pork and gravy and for lard was attributed in part to influencing a dependable outlet on most days for barrows and gilts over 240# and for sows. Shipping demand proved only moderate with those interests usually preferring 190-240# barrows and gilts but a few loads of butchers weighing around 300# went on order accounts at Chicago. Barrows and gilts closed steady to 25¢ lower with 200-240# at Omaha 50¢ to instances 75¢ lower. Sows closed uneven, mostly steady to 25¢ higher, except steady to 25¢ lower at St. Louis and Kansas City.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts sold at \$18.25-19.00. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3, 180-260# brought \$17.75-18.75, most sales \$18.00-18.50. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows bulked at \$15.75-17.00, with an extreme range of \$15.50-17.50.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 90¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago February 9 to February 15, 1961 inclusive.

Prices on feeder pigs advanced 50¢ at St. Paul but held steady at Sioux City. Good and

Choice 130-170# at Sioux City sold from \$17.00-17.75; Good and Choice 130-160# at St. Paul brought \$17.50-18.00.

HOGS - In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area demand was generally good through midweek, but lagged on late sessions under the influence of the approaching holiday and sharply lower dressed pork sales, especially on loins, at eastern wholesale centers. Late price declines resulted in barrows and gilts closing mainly 25¢ lower. Sows closed fully 25-50¢ higher. On Friday mixed U. S. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts and including some 190-200# late \$17.50-18.25 and limited volume, mostly No. 1 200-220# \$18.25-18.50. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows \$15.10-17.15, mostly \$15.50-16.75; 400-550# \$14.25-15.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Lower prices prevailed for the moderately expanded slaughter lamb marketings with lower carlot dressed prices a bearish factor influencing the live trade. The Lenten period and the forthcoming holiday also served to narrow demand. Receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets totaled 114,000 head, 13 percent more than the previous week and 21 percent more than a year earlier. Woolled slaughter lambs predominated in the run and included several shipments of lambs off of Kansas wheatfields. Slaughter lambs were 25¢ to \$1.00 lower with lambs over 110# usually showing the most downturn. Slaughter ewes were largely steady but \$1.00-1.50 lower at Kansas City. Feeder lambs were steady at most points, but 25¢ lower at St. Paul and steady to \$1.00 lower at Fort Worth.

Choice and Prime 85-115# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$16.75-18.00 on the close, sparingly \$18.25-18.50; 115-130# lambs largely \$15.50-17.00. Good and Choice 85-116# \$16.00-17.50. Choice and Prime 85-108# shorn lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.25-17.00, to \$17.50 at Chicago; 110-124# \$15.00-16.50. Good and Choice 85-113# \$15.25-16.50. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$3.00-8.00.

Good and Choice 70-95# woolled feeder lambs \$16.00-18.00, to \$18.75 at Sioux Falls; Medium and Good \$14.50-17.00. Few Good and Choice 75-94# shorn feeders with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$15.00-16.50. Good and Choice 80-114# shearing lambs \$16.50-17.50; deck Choice 85# \$18.25 at Sioux City.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 34,100 head, 4 percent less than a week earlier, but 56 percent more than a year ago. The fairly broad volume of slaughter lambs marketed met with only fair demand and price weakness on most rounds. Woolled slaughter lambs were weak to 50¢ lower; shorn lambs weak, instances 50¢ off, and slaughter ewes steady.

On Friday, Choice and Prime 80-105# lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$16.75-17.50, with limited numbers high-yielding lambs \$17.50-18.00, Choice and Prime 105-115# lambs

and Good and Choice 80-110# \$15.50-17.00. Choice and Prime 80-100# lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.00-16.50; 100-115# \$14.50-16.00. Good and Choice 80-105# \$15.00-16.00, mainly \$15.50-16.00. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$2.00-5.50, few \$6.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers, heifers and lambs was slow, steady to 50¢ lower; stocker and feeder cattle were moderately active, steady to firm.

Slaughter steers: Seventy-five loads Choice 900-1100# \$25.00-26.00; 56 loads Choice 1100-1325# \$23.75-24.75; 57 loads average-Good to low-Choice 900-1150# \$23.40-24.85, 31 loads Standard and Good 800-1000# \$22.75-23.75; 23 loads Standard 850-1175# \$21.50-22.50.

Slaughter heifers: Two loads Choice 700-725# \$25.00 to Texas; 7 loads Choice 960-970# \$24.75 delivered to plant; 36 loads high-Good and Choice 800-1000# \$24.00-24.50; 26 loads mixed Good and Choice 800-1000# \$22.50-23.75.

Stocker and feeder steers: Around 1,300 Good and Choice 600-800# \$24.00-25.00, 1,500 Medium and Good 550-650# \$23.00-24.00 including 1,000 for June delivery; 828 Good and Choice 415-520# steer calves and short yearlings \$26.00-26.50; 950 Medium and Good 430-550# \$24.50-24.75. Heifers: 512 head Good and Choice 465# \$24.00.

Slaughter lambs: Around 50 head Choice and Prime 100# spring lambs \$21.00; 18,500 head mostly Choice 106-116# alfalfa pastured shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts \$18.00 to mainly \$18.50; 1,700 Choice and Prime 108-109# full woolled \$18.00. Utah: Ten loads Choice and Prime 95-104# \$17.25-17.75.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at feedlots was moderately active. Slaughter steers sold steady to 25¢ lower; heifers mostly 25-50¢ lower. In Colorado, 108 loads Choice 1025-1225# slaughter steers \$25.15-26.25; 23 loads Choice 1325-1360# \$24.50-25.25; 20 loads high-Good and Choice 1025-1175# \$23.50-25.00. Twenty-nine loads average and high-Choice 825-1025# slaughter heifers \$25.30-25.65; 179 loads Choice 875-1050# \$25.00-25.25; 26 loads high-Good and Choice 850-1025# \$24.00-24.75; 2 loads Standard and Good 975-1050# \$21.00-22.50. Western Nebraska: Seven loads Choice 1175# steers \$25.75 delivered Colorado packers; 18 loads Choice 900-1000# heifers \$24.50-24.75. Wyoming: Load average and high-Choice 1350# \$24.75. Western Kansas: Two loads Good to mostly Choice 925-975# heifers \$24.50.

All out-of-state heifers delivered to Colorado packers.

Trading on stockers and feeders slow, about steady. Wyoming: Few Good and Choice 400-465# heifer calves \$26.00-28.00; 250 Good and Choice 625-725 heifers \$22.75-23.50 for late February-March delivery.

Slaughter lambs sold weak to 25¢ lower with sales confirmed on over 16,000 head. Colorado: Choice and Prime 98-112# woolled slaughter lambs early at \$18.00-18.25, bulk Choice 85-108# \$17.50-18.00, few 112-122# \$16.60-17.25. On the Western Slope 5 loads Choice and Prime 101-105# woolled lambs \$17.50 f.o.b. to California buyers. Around 800 Good and Choice 80# shear-ing lambs \$17.50; 750 bred aged ewes \$13.50-14.00 each. Western Kansas: Choice and Prime 102-107# woolled slaughter lambs sold off wheat pastures \$17.50-18.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Temperatures ranged 10-20 degrees above normal and wheat pastures showed rapid growth. Limited sales on slaughter cattle weak, instances 50¢ lower. Prices fully steady on stockers and feeders but trading extremely slow after midweek. Five loads Choice 1300# slaughter steers \$25.50; 5 loads Good and Choice 1125# \$25.50; 5 loads Good 900-1150# \$24.00-24.50; 16 loads Choice 930-1050# slaughter heifers \$25.25-25.50, 5 loads Good 700-725# \$24.00, 5 loads Standard \$22.50. About 150 Medium and Good 600# stock heifers \$18.00-22.00. For April, 300 Choice 450-600# steers \$28.00; 2,500 Good to mostly Choice 325-400# stock calves, \$30.00 for steers, few \$31.00 and \$28.00 on heifers; 3 loads Good stock cows \$155.00 per head. Near 1,500 Good and Choice 69-89# woolled and fall shorn feeder lambs steady at \$15.50-16.50.

Amarillo Area - Mild locally, heavy rains to South and East. Trading slow, slaughter cattle steady to 50¢ lower, stockers and feeders mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower on yearlings; 17 loads Good and Choice 1050# slaughter steers \$25.00, 5 loads mostly Good 1100# \$23.50 delivered; 10 loads Good and Choice 950-975# fed heifers \$24.65-25.00, 8 loads Good 800# \$23.75. Immediate through April, 400 mostly Choice 540-600# stock steers \$25.00-26.00, 750 Medium 650-875# feeders \$21.00-23.00, near 900 Good and Choice 500-640# heifer yearlings \$23.00-25.00, bulk \$23.00-23.75; 200 Choice 490# steer calves \$28.00, 1,000 Choice 500-550# with steers \$27.50, heifers \$25.50; 160 Medium 450# steer calves \$23.00. For fall delivery, 1,900 Medium 600-750# feeder steers \$20.90.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was slow, weak to mostly 50¢ lower, except Standard steers steady to strong; limited sales stocker and feeder cattle and calves steady to strong; slaughter lambs slow, about steady.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Choice 1000-1225# \$24.00-25.50; Standard 1000-1150# Holsteins \$19.00-20.50. Idaho - Choice 1050-1060# \$24.00, same grade 1150-1250# \$23.25-23.75; Standard 1100# Holsteins \$20.00.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 850-960# \$23.25-23.50, few loads Choice \$24.00 delivered. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 875-975# \$22.75-23.25.

Stockers and feeders: Washington and Idaho - Good and Choice 850-900# feeder steers \$23.00-23.50 with 750-800# heifers \$21.00. Good and Choice 450-550# heifer calves and yearlings \$23.00-23.50. Oregon - Good and Choice mixed yearlings, steers \$22.00, heifers \$21.00 for June 1 delivery expected to weigh 600#. String Good and Choice for fall delivery, steers \$25.00, heifers \$23.00. String Good and Choice 400-425# mixed stock calves, steers \$28.50, heifers \$26.50 to Nebraska interests. Good and Choice 425# steers \$26.50, heifers \$23.50.

Slaughter lambs: Idaho - Choice and Prime 103-107# woolled \$17.50. Oregon - Choice and Prime 95-105# woolled and shorn, including No. 1-2-3 pelts, \$17.50-18.00 delivered basis out of Oregon.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Trading very slow on all classes with demand poor and no sales completed late in the week. Limited sales both slaughter and stocker and feeder cattle and calves weak to instances 50¢ lower; slaughter lambs about steady. Cattle: Montana, 80 mostly high-Choice 975-1000# high-yielding slaughter heifers \$24.50; 50 mixed high-Good and Choice 940# heifers \$23.50; 2 loads Utility bulls \$18.00-18.50; 170 mixed Good and Choice around 980# steers for further feeding \$23.15; 325 low to average-Good 700# mixed feeder steers and heifers \$21.85. Northern Wyoming, 35 average to high-Choice 619# feeder heifers \$24.00. Montana, 170 Good stock cows \$175.00-200.00 each; 200 high-Good and Choice 400# mixed calves for early fall delivery, steers \$25.75, heifers \$22.75.

Sheep: Northern Wyoming, 700 Choice 110-112# slaughter lambs \$16.50; 450 Choice 105-108# \$17.50 delivered.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

| Market | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 |
| | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 |
| Chicago | 37,034 | 40,387 | 108 | 234 | 30,102 | 37,679 | 7,906 | 9,553 |
| Cincinnati | 2,905 | 3,308 | 602 | 407 | 12,855 | 11,548 | 679 | 523 |
| Denver | 8,567 | 8,416 | 144 | 208 | 4,586 | 5,326 | 19,725 | 17,591 |
| Fort Worth | 8,659 | 5,365 | 2,183 | 1,738 | 2,939 | 2,606 | 11,788 | 7,379 |
| Indianapolis | 6,705 | 7,102 | 456 | 589 | 34,612 | 35,525 | 2,071 | 1,985 |
| Kansas City | 19,016 | 19,666 | 624 | 796 | 14,872 | 13,677 | 11,554 | 5,252 |
| Oklahoma City | 11,677 | 5,860 | 1,106 | 368 | 3,518 | 3,178 | 1,544 | 651 |
| Omaha | 35,016 | 35,657 | 495 | 224 | 41,755 | 44,064 | 18,173 | 16,414 |
| St. Joseph | 15,443 | 15,425 | 538 | 529 | 21,200 | 25,678 | 10,315 | 7,121 |
| St. Louis NSY | 13,684 | 15,231 | 2,265 | 2,008 | 48,516 | 61,848 | 5,833 | 4,799 |
| Sioux City | 25,291 | 25,008 | 777 | 662 | 31,371 | 32,561 | 9,357 | 10,826 |
| S. St. Paul | 16,757 | 18,506 | 6,682 | 7,621 | 46,912 | 49,750 | 15,136 | 12,444 |
| Total | 200,754 | 199,931 | 15,980 | 15,384 | 293,238 | 323,440 | 114,081 | 94,538 |
| Feb. 11, 1961 | 192,330 | | 14,079 | | 300,791 | | 100,519 | |

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

| | Feb. 18, 1961 | Feb. 11, 1961 | Feb. 20, 1960 |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hogs | 338,000 | 363,000 | 348,000 |
| Sheep | 34,100 | 35,600 | 21,800 |

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

| | Week ended | | | Month | |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Feb. 16 | Feb. 9 | Feb. 18 | Jan. | Jan. |
| | : 1961 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 |
| Steers - 1001# up | 923 | 774 | 694 | 4,209 | 2,621 |
| 901-1000 | 2,011 | 1,650 | 2,397 | 10,488 | 8,283 |
| 801-900 | 2,999 | 3,031 | 2,858 | 17,685 | 14,985 |
| 701-800 | 2,505 | 2,986 | 2,830 | 19,423 | 20,255 |
| 501-700 | 8,974 | 7,027 | 6,346 | 49,842 | 36,381 |
| Total steers 10 markets | 17,412 | 15,468 | 15,125 | 101,647 | 82,525 |
| Av. wts. " " " | 725# | 733# | 754# | 724# | 729# |
| Av. cost* " " " | \$23.96 | \$24.41 | \$24.03 | \$24.56 | \$23.60 |
| " " " Chicago | 22.54 | 23.31 | 24.12 | 23.63 | 23.49 |
| " " " Kansas City | 23.71 | 23.72 | 23.79 | 24.29 | 23.31 |
| " " " Omaha | 24.28 | 24.22 | 23.76 | 24.82 | 23.69 |
| " " " S. St. Paul | 21.76 | 23.13 | 22.90 | 22.06 | 21.70 |
| " " " Sioux City | 25.33 | 26.19 | 25.36 | 26.19 | 24.97 |
| " " " Denver | 23.30 | 23.01 | 24.25 | 25.52 | 24.95 |
| " " " Ft. Worth | 23.24 | 25.12 | 23.53 | 23.48 | 22.67 |
| " " " Oklahoma City ... | 23.38 | 24.40 | 23.97 | 23.35 | 22.17 |
| " " " St. Joseph ... | 23.81 | 24.22 | 23.68 | 23.23 | 23.12 |
| " " " St. Louis NSY ... | 22.69 | 23.00 | 22.88 | 23.15 | 22.59 |
| Total calves - 10 markets | 7,339 | 7,485 | 5,829 | 70,092 | 54,592 |
| " heifers " " | 2,710 | 1,845 | 2,490 | 14,416 | 11,138 |
| " cows " " | 639 | 700 | 679 | 4,446 | 2,881 |

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

| Week ended | Chicago | Kansas City | Omaha | S. St. Joseph | St. Louis NSY | Sioux City | S. St. Paul | Indianapolis | Denver | Ft. Worth | Okla. City | Wichita | San Antonio |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|-------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|-------------|
| Stockers and feeders | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 17, 1961 | 2 | 37 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 31 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 70 | 70 | 48 | 55 |
| Feb. 10, 1961 | 2 | 38 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 26 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 45 | 40 | 40 | 50 |
| Feb. 19, 1960 | 2 | 38 | 10 | 16 | 5 | 25 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 65 | 50 | 37 | 55 |
| Slaughter cows | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 17, 1961 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 25 | 12 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 17 | 15 |
| Feb. 10, 1961 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 27 | 12 | 25 | 20 | 21 | 18 | 15 |
| Feb. 19, 1960 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 16 | 20 |

| STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/ | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Grade | Number of head | | Percent of total by grades | | Average weight (pounds) | | Average price in dollars per 100 lb. | |
| | Week ended | | | | | | | |
| | Feb. 16 1961 | Feb. 18 1960 | Feb. 16 1961 | Feb. 18 1960 | Feb. 16 1961 | Feb. 18 1960 | Feb. 16 1961 | Feb. 18 1960 |
| CHICAGO | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 3,911 | 3,302 | 14.6 | 11.2 | 1,255 | 1,234 | 27.65 | 28.40 |
| Choice..... | 16,616 | 17,607 | 62.2 | 59.5 | 1,171 | 1,208 | 26.06 | 26.61 |
| Good..... | 5,082 | 7,248 | 19.0 | 24.5 | 1,125 | 1,098 | 24.05 | 24.99 |
| Standard..... | 730 | 1,221 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 1,017 | 996 | 21.85 | 22.09 |
| Commercial..... | 21 | 33 | .1 | .1 | 1,588 | 1,389 | 21.00 | 21.56 |
| Utility..... | 371 | 200 | 1.4 | .6 | 1,071 | 1,047 | 19.45 | 18.94 |
| All grades..... | 26,731 | 29,611 | | | 1,169 | 1,174 | 25.75 | 26.24 |
| OMAHA | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 139 | 251 | .9 | 1.4 | 1,147 | 1,179 | 26.73 | 27.23 |
| Choice..... | 5,854 | 6,623 | 37.6 | 36.7 | 1,181 | 1,187 | 24.89 | 25.39 |
| Good..... | 8,407 | 10,284 | 53.9 | 57.0 | 1,134 | 1,143 | 23.78 | 23.79 |
| Standard..... | 1,072 | 710 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 1,111 | 1,019 | 20.60 | 20.03 |
| Utility..... | 108 | 171 | .7 | 1.0 | 992 | 1,037 | 18.77 | 17.64 |
| All grades..... | 15,580 | 18,039 | | | 1,149 | 1,154 | 23.99 | 24.26 |
| SIOUX CITY | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 257 | 67 | 2.4 | .7 | 1,175 | 1,128 | 27.47 | 27.81 |
| Choice..... | 5,811 | 4,150 | 53.8 | 42.5 | 1,171 | 1,156 | 25.24 | 26.25 |
| Good..... | 4,194 | 5,172 | 38.9 | 52.9 | 1,121 | 1,119 | 23.99 | 24.53 |
| Standard..... | 531 | 210 | 4.9 | 2.1 | 1,084 | 1,137 | 20.30 | 20.07 |
| Utility..... | -- | 172 | -- | 1.8 | -- | 1,045 | -- | 17.83 |
| All grades..... | 10,793 | 9,771 | | | 1,148 | 1,134 | 24.59 | 25.09 |
| KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice..... | 1,642 | 4,312 | 25.5 | 55.4 | 1,191 | 1,139 | 25.18 | 25.01 |
| Good..... | 4,195 | 2,655 | 65.2 | 34.1 | 1,104 | 1,125 | 23.93 | 23.75 |
| Standard..... | 567 | 703 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 1,049 | 1,073 | 20.90 | 22.03 |
| Commercial..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Utility..... | 32 | 111 | .5 | 1.4 | 946 | 1,046 | 18.61 | 18.39 |
| All grades..... | 6,436 | 7,781 | | | 1,121 | 1,127 | 23.98 | 24.24 |
| ST. LOUIS NSY | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice..... | 432 | 899 | 8.0 | 13.8 | 1,065 | 1,059 | 25.74 | 26.38 |
| Good..... | 3,280 | 4,164 | 61.0 | 64.0 | 1,029 | 1,064 | 24.02 | 24.28 |
| Standard..... | 1,551 | 1,271 | 28.8 | 19.5 | 982 | 996 | 21.50 | 21.06 |
| Commercial..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Utility..... | 117 | 177 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 932 | 940 | 17.81 | 18.36 |
| All grades..... | 5,380 | 6,511 | | | 1,016 | 1,046 | 23.34 | 23.83 |
| S. ST. JOSEPH | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | -- | 20 | -- | .3 | -- | 1,250 | -- | 28.25 |
| Choice..... | 1,951 | 2,339 | 28.5 | 31.5 | 1,148 | 1,137 | 25.29 | 25.48 |
| Good..... | 4,526 | 4,344 | 66.0 | 58.6 | 1,119 | 1,104 | 23.72 | 23.74 |
| Standard..... | 378 | 700 | 5.5 | 9.4 | 1,063 | 1,073 | 20.24 | 20.22 |
| Utility..... | -- | 17 | -- | .2 | -- | 1,008 | -- | 17.31 |
| All grades..... | 6,855 | 7,420 | | | 1,124 | 1,112 | 24.00 | 23.98 |
| DENVER | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice..... | 1,495 | 1,036 | 74.6 | 56.5 | 1,157 | 1,231 | 25.06 | 25.40 |
| Good..... | 482 | 705 | 24.1 | 38.4 | 1,129 | 1,164 | 23.86 | 24.36 |
| Standard..... | 20 | 88 | 1.0 | 4.8 | 1,052 | 1,238 | 20.48 | 18.35 |
| Utility..... | 6 | 6 | .3 | .3 | 850 | 1,054 | 18.50 | 17.00 |
| All grades..... | 2,003 | 1,835 | | | 1,148 | 1,205 | 24.72 | 24.64 |

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

| City or Area | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 20 |
| | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 |
| Boston, New York City Area... | 10,941 | 13,431 | 9,103 | 7,506 | 45,880 | 52,706 | 35,649 | 42,196 |
| Baltimore, Philadelphia..... | 8,585 | 8,040 | 2,499 | 1,611 | 31,397 | 29,019 | 4,578 | 4,834 |
| Cin.,Cleve.,Detroit,Indpls... | 18,675 | 18,582 | 3,233 | 3,714 | 131,462 | 143,493 | 14,092 | 16,248 |
| Chicago Area..... | 15,612 | 17,820 | 7,067 | 6,674 | 46,668 | 34,935 | 7,171 | 4,526 |
| St. Paul-Wisc. Areas..... | 28,175 | 29,510 | 19,500 | 23,549 | 112,430 | 139,340 | 24,747 | 16,313 |
| St. Louis Area..... | 11,767 | 10,961 | 1,742 | 1,559 | 70,231 | 86,824 | 5,658 | 5,577 |
| Sioux City-So. Dakota Area... | 20,421 | 22,438 | -- | -- | 95,707 | 101,540 | 15,732 | 17,417 |
| Omaha Area..... | 36,407 | 37,199 | 176 | 104 | 71,941 | 85,129 | 18,926 | 16,797 |
| Kansas City..... | 16,297 | 15,729 | -- | -- | 35,247 | 43,883 | -- | -- |
| Iowa - So. Minnesota..... | 30,191 | 31,059 | 8,448 | 10,594 | 307,648 | 310,931 | 40,359 | 32,795 |
| Lou'1.Evan'1.Nash'1.Mph's.... | 5,712 | 5,918 | 2,724 | 2,553 | 64,969 | 63,771 | -- | -- |
| Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area.. | 9,016 | 6,074 | 4,943 | 2,598 | 35,546 | 34,967 | -- | -- |
| St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.. | 20,361 | 20,054 | 1,118 | 1,203 | 45,736 | 58,936 | 13,425 | 8,023 |
| Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio.. | 9,978 | 8,672 | 3,213 | 2,976 | 16,650 | 19,075 | 15,284 | 10,739 |
| Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City.. | 20,096 | 19,400 | 201 | 306 | 14,901 | 18,754 | 33,783 | 28,213 |
| Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas. | 27,582 | 27,711 | 1,656 | 1,516 | 23,336 | 27,607 | 26,343 | 28,476 |
| Portland, Seattle, Spokane... | 6,823 | 6,898 | 221 | 284 | 15,443 | 18,531 | 4,789 | 4,136 |
| Total..... | 296,639 | 299,496 | 65,844 | 66,747 | 1,165,192 | 1,269,441 | 260,536 | 236,290 |
| Accumulation to date..... | 2,099,523 | | 468,435 | | 7,841,189 | | 1,828,166 | |
| | | 2,162,520 | | 491,199 | | 9,319,045 | | 1,832,941 |

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

| Week ended | Beef | | Veal | | Pork (excl. lard) | | Lamb and mutton | | Total | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Num. | Prod. | Num. | Prod. | Num. | Prod. | Num. | Prod. | meat | lard |
| | : ber | : mil.lb. | : ber | : mil.lb. | : ber | : mil.lb. | : ber | : mil.lb. | : mil.lb. | : mil.lb. |
| Feb. 18, 1961 | 365 | 218.3 | 95 | 10.6 | 1,345 | 187.2 | 290 | 14.8 | 430.9 | -- |
| Feb. 11, 1961 | 365 | 220.5 | 95 | 10.6 | 1,295 | 181.0 | 290 | 14.5 | 426.6 | -- |
| Jan. 28, 1961 1/..... | 370 | -- | 84 | -- | 1,288 | -- | 293 | -- | -- | 40.3 |
| Feb. 20, 1960 1/..... | 360 | 216.8 | 91 | 10.4 | 1,464 | 199.0 | 265 | 13.3 | 439.5 | 44.9 |

Percentage change from:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|----|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Feb. 11, 1961 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | -- |
| Feb. 20, 1960 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | -8 | -6 | 9 | 11 | -2 | -- |

| Week ended | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | | Lard |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed | yield |
| | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. | : 100 lb. |
| Feb. 18, 1961 | 1050 | 598 | 200 | 112 | 240 | 139 | 105 | 51 | -- |
| Feb. 11, 1961 | 1060 | 604 | 200 | 112 | 241 | 140 | 104 | 50 | -- |
| Jan. 28, 1961 | 1065 | 607 | 200 | 112 | 238 | 137 | 103 | 50 | -- |
| Feb. 20, 1960 | 1053 | 602 | 199 | 114 | 233 | 136 | 104 | 50 | 13.2 |

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
JANUARY 1961 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

| Region | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 |
| N. Atlantic States | 119 | 121 | 102 | 90 | 528 | 531 | 197 | 210 |
| S. Atlantic States | 48 | 40 | 38 | 24 | 328 | 337 | 1/ | 1/ |
| N.C. States - Eastern | 261 | 278 | 145 | 154 | 1,230 | 1,484 | 111 | 131 |
| N.C. States - N. Western .. | 516 | 519 | 58 | 64 | 2,317 | 2,654 | 479 | 424 |
| N.C. States - S. Western .. | 171 | 165 | 10 | 10 | 518 | 655 | 99 | 88 |
| S. Central States | 167 | 136 | 49 | 47 | 526 | 496 | 92 | 68 |
| Mountain States | 133 | 108 | 2 | 2 | 95 | 120 | 162 | 147 |
| Pacific States | 216 | 197 | 24 | 22 | 203 | 241 | 159 | 170 |
| Total | 1,632 | 1,564 | 427 | 413 | 5,744 | 6,516 | 1,300 | 1,237 |

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): January 1961, horses 3,957; goats 4,854; January 1960, horses 4,948; goats 3,360. 1/ Not available for publication.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | Chicago | | Kansas City | | Omaha | | Denver | | North Portland | |
|---|---------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. | Feb. |
| | 18 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 20 |
| | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 |
| <u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime 900-1100# | 27.75 | 28.50 | -- | -- | 27.00 | 27.90 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1100-1300 | 27.50 | 28.38 | -- | -- | 26.75 | 27.70 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice 900-1100 | 26.50 | 27.25 | 25.52 | 26.12 | 25.85 | 26.38 | 25.25 | 26.00 | 25.25 | 26.12 |
| 1100-1300 | 25.62 | 26.58 | 25.38 | 26.08 | 25.58 | 25.90 | 25.25 | 25.62 | 24.38 | -- |
| Good 900-1100 | 24.12 | 24.65 | 23.75 | 23.88 | 23.65 | 23.30 | 22.75 | 22.38 | 23.25 | 24.75 |
| Standard - All wts. | 21.55 | 21.60 | 20.52 | 21.15 | 20.62 | 20.02 | 20.00 | 18.50 | 20.50 | 22.25 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 700-900# | 25.38 | 26.52 | 24.78 | 25.62 | 25.40 | 26.15 | 24.68 | 25.92 | -- | 24.25 |
| Good 600-800 | -- | -- | 22.88 | 23.40 | 23.18 | 23.15 | 22.50 | 22.68 | 21.62 | 23.00 |
| Standard - All wts. | 21.00 | 20.50 | 19.75 | 20.60 | 20.02 | 19.58 | 19.50 | 19.00 | 19.00 | 20.75 |
| Cows - All weights - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 16.25 | 16.15 | 16.50 | 16.50 | 16.20 | 16.50 | -- | 17.90 | -- | 17.88 |
| Utility | 16.12 | 15.68 | 15.65 | 15.48 | 15.50 | 15.50 | 16.08 | 16.58 | 15.38 | 16.25 |
| Cutter | 15.38 | 15.22 | 14.95 | 14.70 | 14.70 | 14.32 | 14.12 | 14.88 | 14.31 | 13.75 |
| Canner | 14.00 | 13.68 | 14.02 | 13.62 | 13.88 | 13.50 | 12.88 | 13.75 | 12.12 | 11.25 |
| Bulls - All weights - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 19.32 | 21.25 | 17.75 | 19.00 | 18.30 | 19.25 | -- | -- | -- | 20.75 |
| Utility | 19.58 | 20.25 | 18.00 | 18.75 | 18.50 | 18.50 | 18.50 | 19.75 | 19.00 | 21.25 |
| Calves - 500# down - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | -- | -- | 23.20 | 26.10 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 28.50 |
| Good | -- | -- | 21.50 | 23.75 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 23.50 | 25.75 |
| Standard | -- | -- | 19.65 | 20.50 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 20.00 | 22.50 |
| Vealers - All wts. - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | 29.50 | 31.30 | 28.50 | 29.00 | 26.50 | 25.50 | -- | -- | 30.38 | 32.00 |
| Good | 26.50 | 29.80 | 25.00 | 26.25 | 23.50 | 23.75 | -- | -- | 28.25 | 29.50 |
| Standard | 22.00 | 25.90 | 21.00 | 22.50 | 20.25 | 20.75 | -- | -- | 24.75 | 25.00 |
| <u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 500-800# | 26.82 | 27.75 | 26.25 | 26.88 | 26.38 | 27.00 | 25.88 | 26.00 | 24.50 | 25.00 |
| Good 500-800 | 24.45 | 25.25 | 23.85 | 24.50 | 24.38 | 24.25 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 23.00 | 23.50 |
| Medium 500-1000 | 21.50 | 21.75 | 20.05 | 21.00 | 21.12 | 20.25 | 21.25 | 21.00 | 20.00 | 20.50 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 500-750# | -- | -- | 23.25 | 24.25 | 24.25 | 24.50 | 24.25 | 23.50 | -- | 23.75 |
| Med. & Gd. 500-750 | -- | -- | 20.00 | 20.25 | 20.75 | 21.50 | 21.50 | 21.00 | 19.00 | 20.50 |
| Cows - All wts. - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Med. & Gd. | -- | -- | 15.75 | 16.25 | 15.75 | 14.25 | 16.50 | 16.00 | -- | 14.75 |
| Calves - 300-500# - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | -- | -- | 27.50 | 30.05 | 29.25 | 30.00 | 29.50 | 30.00 | 25.50 | 27.00 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | -- | -- | 24.25 | 26.60 | 25.25 | 27.00 | 27.00 | 27.25 | 23.50 | 25.00 |

CATTLE: MONTHLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

| | | Chicago | | Kansas City | | Omaha | | Denver | | North Portland | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Classification | | Jan. 1961 | Jan. 1960 | Jan. 1961 | Jan. 1960 | Jan. 1961 | Jan. 1960 | Jan. 1961 | Jan. 1960 | Jan. 1961 | Jan. 1960 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 900-1100# | 29.00 | 27.90 | -- | -- | 27.97 | 27.65 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | 1100-1300 | 28.90 | 28.14 | -- | 28.50 | 27.79 | 27.52 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice | 900-1100 | 27.97 | 26.74 | 26.43 | 25.84 | 26.74 | 26.26 | 26.01 | 26.07 | 25.88 | 26.69 |
| | 1100-1300 | 27.15 | 26.39 | 26.21 | 25.69 | 26.40 | 25.71 | 25.93 | 25.72 | -- | 26.10 |
| Good | 900-1100 | 25.57 | 24.62 | 24.12 | 23.20 | 24.31 | 23.53 | 23.02 | 22.71 | 24.25 | 25.19 |
| Standard - All wts. | | 22.62 | 21.89 | 20.91 | 20.30 | 21.58 | 20.11 | 20.00 | 19.14 | 21.44 | 22.38 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | 700-900# | 26.80 | 26.22 | 25.15 | 25.24 | 26.35 | 25.95 | 25.34 | 25.46 | 23.97 | 24.34 |
| Good | 600-800 | -- | -- | 22.99 | 22.70 | 23.96 | 23.21 | 22.77 | 22.44 | 22.38 | 23.25 |
| Standard - All wts. | | 21.70 | 21.02 | 19.81 | 19.58 | 21.25 | 19.88 | 19.50 | 19.06 | 19.62 | 21.06 |
| Cows - All weights - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | | 16.04 | 16.48 | 16.12 | 17.14 | 15.87 | 16.38 | -- | 17.24 | 16.81 | 17.33 |
| Utility | | 15.70 | 15.52 | 15.23 | 15.83 | 14.93 | 15.12 | 15.84 | 15.96 | 15.39 | 16.05 |
| Cutter | | 14.89 | 14.86 | 14.27 | 14.50 | 13.86 | 13.84 | 13.77 | 14.30 | 13.67 | 13.53 |
| Canner | | 13.16 | 13.28 | 13.19 | 12.72 | 12.73 | 12.79 | 12.70 | 13.09 | 11.92 | 11.62 |
| Bulls - All weights - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | | 19.78 | 21.84 | 17.58 | 19.85 | 17.91 | 19.78 | -- | -- | -- | 21.22 |
| Utility | | 19.92 | 20.84 | 17.77 | 19.58 | 18.00 | 19.53 | 18.94 | 19.60 | 19.84 | 22.45 |
| Calves - 500# down - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | | -- | -- | 22.39 | 24.34 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Good | | -- | -- | 20.29 | 22.81 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 22.81 | 25.62 |
| Standard | | -- | -- | 18.07 | 19.96 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 19.88 | 22.44 |
| Vealers - All wts. - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | | 25.20 | 30.04 | 25.00 | 27.50 | 23.92 | 24.85 | -- | -- | 28.88 | 31.62 |
| Good | | 22.82 | 28.00 | 22.04 | 25.50 | 21.20 | 23.26 | -- | -- | 26.69 | 29.12 |
| Standard | | 18.85 | 23.75 | 19.41 | 21.50 | 17.96 | 20.59 | -- | -- | 22.50 | 24.84 |
| <hr/> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stocker and feeder cattle and calves | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | 500-800# | 26.82 | 27.37 | 25.86 | 26.21 | 26.72 | 26.65 | 25.88 | 26.00 | 24.38 | 24.38 |
| Good | 500-800 | 24.65 | 25.02 | 24.09 | 23.84 | 24.56 | 24.46 | 24.00 | 24.00 | 21.88 | 23.25 |
| Medium | 500-1000 | 21.50 | 21.87 | 20.36 | 20.48 | 21.29 | 20.75 | 21.25 | 21.06 | 19.38 | 19.94 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | 500-750# | -- | -- | 23.42 | 23.31 | 24.06 | 24.25 | 23.79 | 23.38 | -- | 23.06 |
| Med. & Gd. | 500-750 | -- | -- | 20.00 | 19.34 | 20.75 | 21.13 | 21.50 | 21.12 | 18.81 | 19.88 |
| Cows - All wts. - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Med. & Gd. | | -- | -- | 15.50 | 16.00 | 14.94 | 13.32 | 16.35 | -- | -- | 15.17 |
| Calves - 300-500# - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | | -- | -- | 27.44 | 27.18 | 28.88 | 30.25 | 29.34 | 29.88 | 25.06 | 25.75 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | | -- | -- | 23.99 | 24.88 | 25.19 | 27.00 | 26.66 | 27.12 | 22.38 | 24.69 |

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

| Week ended | | Chi- cago | St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards | Kan- sas City | Omaha | Sioux City | S. St. Joseph | S. St. Paul | Indian- apolis | 8- mkts. com- bined |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|-------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| AVERAGE COST - | | Dollars per 100 pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | Feb. 18, 1961 | 18.28 | 18.30 | 18.28 | 18.13 | 18.07 | 18.23 | 18.01 | 18.45 | 18.21 |
| | Feb. 11, 1961 | 18.30 | 18.32 | 18.31 | 18.18 | 18.06 | 18.33 | 17.89 | 18.54 | 18.22 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 13.50 | 13.52 | 13.63 | 13.69 | 13.61 | 13.67 | 13.35 | 13.62 | 13.56 |
| Sows | Feb. 18, 1961 | 16.19 | 16.44 | 16.70 | 16.45 | 16.12 | 16.47 | 16.37 | 16.04 | 16.33 |
| | Feb. 11, 1961 | 15.60 | 16.00 | 16.28 | 16.25 | 16.08 | 16.23 | 15.80 | 16.01 | 16.01 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 11.51 | 11.90 | 12.11 | 12.18 | 12.08 | 11.96 | 11.76 | 11.59 | 11.86 |
| AVERAGE WEIGHT - | | Pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | Feb. 18, 1961 | 235 | 219 | 235 | 242 | 246 | 233 | 232 | 224 | 232 |
| | Feb. 11, 1961 | 236 | 221 | 232 | 244 | 248 | 232 | 232 | 225 | 233 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 234 | 216 | 225 | 237 | 240 | 224 | 230 | 223 | 228 |
| Sows | Feb. 18, 1961 | 447 | 423 | 431 | 443 | 458 | 435 | 430 | 454 | 440 |
| | Feb. 11, 1961 | 454 | 413 | 434 | 452 | 448 | 427 | 430 | 452 | 438 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 454 | 402 | 421 | 436 | 442 | 406 | 421 | 414 | 426 |
| NUMBER OF HEAD - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | Feb. 18, 1961 | 22977 | 43490 | 12953 | 34286 | 27505 | 18664 | 37493 | 29713 | 227081 |
| | Feb. 11, 1961 | 22904 | 47373 | 12715 | 33255 | 29082 | 19393 | 41134 | 29461 | 235317 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 28770 | 55183 | 12530 | 36983 | 27919 | 22423 | 40362 | 31029 | 255199 |
| Sows | Feb. 18, 1961 | 2339 | 3787 | 992 | 4156 | 2060 | 1561 | 2515 | 2679 | 20089 |
| | Feb. 11, 1961 | 2435 | 3892 | 914 | 3392 | 2462 | 1431 | 2580 | 2497 | 19603 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 3602 | 3908 | 783 | 4088 | 1929 | 1844 | 2243 | 2749 | 21146 |
| SOWS | | Percentage of total | | | | | | | | |
| | Feb. 18, 1961 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| | Feb. 11, 1961 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 8 |

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

| | Hog products 1/ | Hog prices 2/ | Gross spread or margin 3/ |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Feb. 18, 1961 | \$20.78 | \$18.62 | \$2.16 |
| Feb. 11, 1961 | 20.61 | 18.68 | 1.93 |
| Feb. 20, 1960 | 15.64 | 13.84 | 1.80 |

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

| Week ended | Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds | Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel | Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| Feb. 18, 1961 | 18.28 | 111.6 | 16.4 |
| Feb. 11, 1961 | 18.30 | 114.3 | 16.0 |
| Feb. 20, 1960 | 13.50 | 111.7 | 12.1 |

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Supplies of beef and lamb were normal with pork, veal, and calf moderate. Slightly reduced receipts of beef and lamb were augmented by carryover lots at New York and Philadelphia. Trading on beef was generally slow with demand and outlets very spotty at various markets. Rounds and loin cuts moved best at Washington and hindquarters were slow in all areas. Demand for beef was uneven at New York with ribs under 37#, arm chucks and rounds rather active, but loins were very slow and outlets for fabricated beef cuts generally good. Prices for veal and calf declined for the first time since late December. Trading for lamb was mostly fair with chain buyers quite active for carcasses and cuts. Pork met good outlets at all markets, except New York where loins were very hard to move and sold lower which was the only decline on pork for the Eastern Seaboard. Clearance of beef was incomplete at Washington and there will be some carryover of veal, calf and pork loins at New York. Beef hindquarters and pork loins were not fully cleared at Philadelphia. Otherwise clearance generally complete.

Steer beef closed steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef steady to 75¢ lower; veal and calf \$1.00-3.00 lower at New York and Philadelphia. Veal sold steady at other markets; lamb mostly steady; pork loins steady to \$3.00 higher, except fully \$3.00 lower on the close at New York. Other pork cuts sold steady to \$1.00 higher at all points.

Prices for kosher steer forequarters were steady to \$1.00 lower; lamb steady to mostly \$1.00 higher. Veal and calf prices were \$1.00 to mostly \$2.00 lower.

CHICAGO - Supplies of beef and lamb were normal with veal rather small and pork moderate. Steer and heifer beef prices declined on early sessions in a slow trade. Primal cuts were also slow but by Wednesday fair outlets developed for arm and squarecut chucks. Sellers had most difficulty clearing ribs over 35#. Veal prices worked lower for the second straight week in a dull trade. There was a moderate demand for lamb and for the most part, outlets were adequate for lamb legs, stews and shoulders while on the other hand center cuts, particularly ribs were on the draggy side. Fairly active trade prevailed for spareribs on the initial session, otherwise fresh pork trade was slow with daily declines on loins.

Beef closed 50¢-\$1.00 lower; veal \$1.00 lower; lamb steady to \$1.00 higher. Pork loins were \$2.00-3.50 lower; Boston butts 4-8# steady to 50¢ lower; spareribs 3# down steady to \$1.00 lower.

PACIFIC COAST - Reduced supplies of steer and heifer beef were about in line with the narrow demand and clearance was normal. Trading was generally slow. Supplies of cow beef, calf and veal were ample in California but short of demand in the northwest. Increased supply of 45-55# lamb carcasses resulted in a poor demand for these weights. Fresh pork supplies were generous and trading was slow in southern California, but otherwise moderately active. A good demand prevailed for smoked pork in San Francisco, but elsewhere outlets were rather narrow.

Steer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower; cow beef strong to \$1.00 higher in the northwest, but steady to 50¢ lower in California. Calf and veal sold steady to \$2.00 lower in California while veal in the northwest was \$1.00-3.00 higher, the full advance in Seattle; lamb steady to \$1.00 lower, mostly steady at San Francisco. Fresh pork sold strong to \$2.00 higher; cured pork steady to \$2.00 higher.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY -

Generally price declines were recorded on normal supplies of all fresh meats under a rather poor demand. Some beef carry-over from the previous week coupled with the beginning of the Lenten season were contributing factors to the downturns. Clearance on beef again incomplete but mostly fair on other classes.

Beef and lamb closed 50¢-\$1.00 lower. Pork loins were \$2.00-2.50 lower; fresh hams 50¢ higher; Boston butts steady; pork sides steady to 35¢ lower.

Following prices f.o.b. packing plant:
Choice 600-700# steer carcasses closed at \$41.25-42.00; 700-800# \$39.50-40.50; Good 600-800# \$37.50-39.50. Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$39.50-40.50; Good \$36.75-38.50. Utility cow beef \$28.50-30.50, mostly \$29.00-29.50. Choice and Prime 45-55# lamb carcasses \$34.25-36.50; 55-65# \$32.25-33.25. Pork loins 8-12# \$41.00-43.00; fresh hams 12-14# \$42.00-43.00; 14-16# \$40.00-41.00; Boston butts 4-8# \$33.00-35.00. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$26.10-27.10; 155-175# \$25.55-26.95.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Trading for most classes of fresh meats was slow throughout the week and price declines were recorded on all classes. Supplies were about normal. Steer beef closed 50¢-\$1.00 lower with sales at Denver \$1.00-1.50 off. Heifer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower, some sales \$1.50 off at Chicago. Cow beef closed unevenly steady to \$1.50 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.50 lower; lamb steady to \$1.00 lower. Pork loins were \$4.00-4.50 lower at Chicago and mostly \$1.00 off at Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | | New York | | Chicago | | San Francisco | | Los Angeles | |
|---|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|---------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | | Feb.18 | Feb.20 | Feb.18 | Feb.20 | Feb.18 | Feb.20 | Feb.18 | Feb.20 |
| | | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 |
| Steer beef - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 700-800# | 44.90 | 48.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice | 600-700 | 45.30 | 46.00 | 44.88 | 44.75 | 41.25 | 43.88 | 41.00 | 43.25 |
| | 700-800 | 43.98 | 44.25 | 42.88 | 43.00 | 40.50 | 41.50 | 39.75 | 41.25 |
| Good | 500-600 | 42.40 | 43.25 | 42.88 | 41.00 | 41.00 | 43.50 | 40.31 | 42.00 |
| | 600-700 | 43.15 | 43.75 | 42.88 | 41.00 | 39.25 | 41.50 | 39.19 | 40.00 |
| Heifer beef - | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | 500-600# | -- | -- | 43.25 | 44.00 | 40.00 | 42.50 | 40.69 | 42.94 |
| | 600-700 | -- | -- | 43.25 | 43.50 | 39.50 | 41.50 | 39.88 | 41.38 |
| Good | 500-600 | -- | -- | 41.12 | 40.50 | -- | -- | 39.50 | 41.38 |
| Veal - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 90-120# | 65.00 | 64.50 | 62.50 | 58.50 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice | 90-120 | 56.80 | 53.50 | 57.50 | 53.50 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Good | 90-120 | 50.30 | 47.50 | 51.50 | 50.00 | 53.00 | 55.00 | -- | -- |
| Lamb - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 45-55# | 40.25 | 42.10 | 39.00 | -- | 39.50 | -- | 39.75 | 43.00 |
| Choice | 45-55 | 39.75 | 40.95 | 39.00 | 40.62 | 39.50 | 44.25 | 39.75 | 43.00 |
| Fresh pork - | | | | | | | | | |
| Loins | 8-12# | 49.70 | 40.70 | 45.45 | 37.75 | 51.50 | 43.00 | 48.00 | 42.00 |
| Butts | 4-8 | 39.30 | 33.50 | 36.69 | 29.00 | 42.50 | 35.50 | 42.00 | 33.62 |
| Spareribs | 3# down | 43.50 | 38.60 | 39.25 | 35.50 | 46.50 | 39.00 | 44.50 | 38.00 |
| Cured pork - | | | | | | | | | |
| Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) | 12-16# | 47.00 | 41.00 | 51.25 | 47.25 | 51.25 | 50.00 | 47.50 | 45.50 |
| Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots) | | 51.00 | 37.50 | 55.25 | 43.25 | 58.25 | 43.00 | 54.50 | 43.00 |
| Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) | 4-8# | 33.50 | 29.50 | 36.25 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 30.00 | 33.50 | 30.00 |
| Lard, 1# carton | | 15.75 | 11.88 | 17.00 | 11.75 | 18.00 | 15.50 | 17.62 | 13.72 |

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED FEB. 17, 1961

| Classification | | Prices paid F.O.B. | | | Prices delivered | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | Chicago | Denver | Omaha | New York | Philadelphia |
| | | | | | | |
| Steer beef - | | | | | | |
| Choice | 600-700# | 42.00-43.00 | 41.00-41.50 | 41.25-41.75 | 43.50-44.25 | 43.50-44.50 |
| | 700-800 | 40.50-41.00 | 39.00-39.50 | 39.50-39.75 | 42.00-43.00 | 42.00-42.50 |
| | 800-900 | 39.50-40.00 | 38.00-38.50 | 38.50-38.75 | 41.00-41.50 | 41.00-41.50 |
| Good | 500-600 | 39.00-40.00 | -- | -- | 41.00-42.50 | -- |
| | 600-700 | 39.00-40.00 | 37.00-39.00 | 38.25-39.25 | 41.00-42.00 | 40.50-42.00 |
| | 700-800 | 38.50-39.50 | 37.00-39.00 | 37.50-38.25 | 40.50-41.00 | 40.00-41.50 |
| Heifer beef - | | | | | | |
| Choice | 500-600# | 40.50-41.00 | 39.75-41.50 | 39.50-40.00 | -- | -- |
| | 600-700 | 40.50-41.00 | 39.00-39.75 | 39.50-40.00 | -- | 42.00-43.00 |
| Good | 500-600 | 38.00-38.50 | 36.50-38.75 | 37.00-37.25 | -- | -- |
| | 600-700 | 38.00-38.50 | 36.50-38.75 | 37.00-37.25 | -- | -- |
| Cow beef - All weights - | | | | | | |
| Utility | | 29.50-30.50 | 30.00-31.20 | 29.00-30.00 | -- | 31.50-32.50 |
| Canner and Cutter | | 30.50-31.25 | -- | 30.00-30.25 | -- | 32.00-32.50 |
| Lamb - | | | | | | |
| Prime | 35-45# | 37.00-38.00 | 35.50-37.00 | -- | 38.00-40.00 | 38.50-39.50 |
| | 45-55 | 35.50-36.00 | 33.50-35.50 | 34.25-35.25 | 36.50-38.00 | 36.00-37.50 |
| | 55-65 | 32.50-33.50 | 32.00-33.00 | 32.25-33.25 | 34.00-35.50 | 32.00-34.00 |
| Choice | 35-45 | 37.00-38.00 | 35.50-37.00 | -- | 38.00-40.00 | 38.50-39.50 |
| | 45-55 | 35.50-36.00 | 33.50-35.50 | 34.25-35.25 | 36.50-38.00 | 36.00-37.50 |
| | 55-65 | 32.50-33.50 | 32.00-33.00 | 32.25-33.25 | 34.00-35.50 | 32.00-34.00 |
| Fresh pork - | | | | | | |
| Loins | 8-12# | 41.50-43.00 | -- | 41.50-43.50 | -- | 44.50-45.50 |

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

At the Boston market trading for greasy domestic wools was slow with prices about steady. A moderate volume of pulled wools sold at firm prices with most demand for 56s and finer grades. Trading for noils was slow with prices three to four pence higher in Bradford, England. Buyers were active in Arizona as several clips were sold consisting mostly of bulk fine wools. There was some activity in contracting and sales of 1960 wools in Montana of bulk fine and half-blood clips.

Midweek cables from Australia showed Japan and the Continent competing for an average selection of all types while at Melbourne, Japan was the chief operator under very keen competition for topmaking and spinners merino comebacks and crossbred wools, with prices steady to $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent higher. The Christchurch, New Zealand market was active as Japan dominated with the Continent and Bradford supporting and prices advanced $2\frac{1}{2}$ -5 percent. Prices at the Cape market were steady to strong. Coarse Argentine wools were very firm. Montevideo was steady with United States topmakers operating in 60s and finer qualities.

According to the Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service the average price received by farmers for wool on January 15, 1961 was 39.3 cents per grease pound. This compared to 40.2 cents for December 15, 1960 and 43.0 cents on January 15, 1960.

Fleece Wools - Medium wools brought 40-42¢ in the grease in Ohio and Indiana.

Territory Wools - Growers were paid 39¢ grease basis in Arizona for bulk fine, good French combing and staple wools in original bags and were estimated to cost clean from \$1.05-1.10 delivered Boston. A choice original bag clip of bulk fine and half-blood Montana wool was contracted for future delivery at \$1.00 clean basis on a core test.

Texas Wools - Trading for Texas wools in the local market and in Texas was very slow.

Mohair - With warmer weather in Texas a modest volume of spring mohair was arriving at warehouses and buyers were paying 91½¢ for adult and \$1.21½ for kid hair. There were sales of mostly kid mohair tops in Boston for worsted consumption.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools was dull. Quotations at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia Oil-combed

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 77 - \$1.10 | 432 - \$1.01 |
| 78 - 1.06 | 433 - .99 |
| 78A- 1.05 | 434 - .95 |
| 79 - 1.03 | 435 - .93 |

New Zealand Oil-combed

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| 86 - \$.92 | 107 - \$.83 |
| 93 - .89 | 114 - .82 |
| 834 - .87 | 128 - .81 |
| 100 - .84 | |

South Africa

| Oil-combed | Scoured Yields |
|------------|----------------|
| 7 - \$1.05 | 17 - \$1.01 |
| 8 - 1.04 | 22 - 1.00 |
| 12 - 1.03 | 27 - .97 |
| 47 - 1.03 | 32 - .95 |
| 48 - 1.01 | 33 - .93 |
| 52 - 1.01 | |
| 53 - .99 | |

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools: 64s - 94¢, 60/64s - 91¢, 60s - 88¢, 60/58s - 86¢, 58/56s - 85¢, 56/50s - 83¢.

Carpet Wools - Scoured Buenos Aires November second clip carpet wools sold around 78-80¢, but trade was generally very dull. Greasy November wools were offered for shipment around 77-78¢, March wools at 75¢ and fleeces around 81¢ clean fibers present while New Zealand carpet fleeces were priced at 80¢ and second shear wools at 79¢. Spot Pakistan/India wools were offered as follows: White Pakistan and white Bibruk at 78¢, white Khorassan at 78¢ and white Vicaneer India wools at 76½¢, all clean fibers present.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

| | | | |
|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| 64s | 1-1½" | white | \$1.17 |
| 64s | 2-3" | stained | 1.16 |
| 58s | 2-3" | white | 1.05 |
| 56s | 2-3" | white | .95 |
| 50s | ave. 3" | stained | .88 |

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

| | | | |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| 64s | 2-2½" | choice | \$1.14 |
| 60s | 2½-3" | def. | 1.06 |
| 60/58s | 2-3" | def. | .97 |
| 58/60s | 2½-3" | tinged | .97 |
| 56s | 3-4" | choice | 1.04 |

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Feb. 16, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the New York Cotton Exchange)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| March wool tops | - \$1.490 |
| May wool tops | - 1.490 |
| 64s grade - 2.55" minimum length | |
| March wool | - \$1.146 |
| May wool | - 1.155 |
| 64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length | |

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, JANUARY 31, 1961

January net input of red meats totaled 19 million pounds, about one-third the January 1960 gain and one-half the average. February 1 stocks of red meats totaled 442 million pounds. A net reduction of beef during January—15 million pounds—was twice the decline for the month last year and 5 times the average. Beef holdings which totaled 155 million pounds on February 1 were 21 percent below holdings for this date last year and 18 percent below the 1956-60 average. A gain of 30 million pounds in stocks of pork was 17 million short of a year earlier and 6 million below average. On February 1, pork stocks totaled 200 million pounds and compare with 312 million stored on February 1, 1960. The average is 309 million pounds. Stocks of frozen picnics were about equal to those of a month earlier, but 27 percent below stocks on February 1, 1960. Frozen ham stocks at 42 million pounds on February 1 were 18 million pounds larger than those of a month earlier but 9 million less than stocks on February 1, 1960. Holdings of frozen bellies totaled 43 million pounds on February 1, a net gain of 10 million from a month earlier. These stocks compare with 92 million pounds in storage on February 1, 1960.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, JANUARY 31, 1961 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

| Commodity | January 1956-60 av | January 1960 | December 1960 | January 1961 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | 1,000 lb. | 1,000 lb. | 1,000 lb. | 1,000 lb. |
| Beef: | | | | |
| Frozen | 176,232 | 182,549 | 161,054 | 145,383 |
| In cure and cured | 12,653 | 12,311 | 8,791 | 9,184 |
| Total | 188,885 | 194,860 | 169,845 | 154,567 |
| Pork, frozen: | | | | |
| Picnics | 1/ | 8,727 | 6,321 | 6,352 |
| Hams | 1/ | 50,263 | 23,988 | 41,526 |
| Bellies | 1/ | 92,488 | 33,510 | 43,319 |
| Loins | 1/ | 1/ | 7,574 | 6,607 |
| Jowls | 1/ | 1/ | 5,191 | 6,380 |
| Butts | 1/ | 1/ | 2,467 | 3,275 |
| Spareribs | 1/ | 1/ | 7,456 | 7,854 |
| Trimnings | 1/ | 1/ | 9,691 | 10,239 |
| Other pork | 1/ | 112,901 | 37,736 | 37,293 |
| Total | 244,716 | 264,379 | 133,934 | 162,845 |
| Pork in cooler: | | | | |
| Dry salt bellies | 1/ | 9,453 | 7,983 | 7,271 |
| Other dry salt pork | 1/ | 7,633 | 5,651 | 5,182 |
| Other pork cuts | 1/ | 30,072 | 22,658 | 24,616 |
| Total | 64,064 | 47,158 | 36,292 | 37,069 |
| Total pork | 308,780 | 311,537 | 170,226 | 199,914 |
| Other meats and meat products: | | | | |
| Veal, frozen | 14,638 | 9,442 | 13,695 | 12,984 |
| Lamb and mutton, frozen | 9,840 | 14,046 | 12,442 | 12,115 |
| Canned meats in cooler: | | | | |
| Hams | 2/ (59,230 | 2/ (67,286 | 30,483 | 35,457 |
| Other meats | (| (| 26,481 | 26,711 |
| Total all meats | 581,373 | 597,171 | 423,172 | 441,748 |
| Lard, rendered and refined 3/ | 126,100 | 135,600 | 93,500 | 4/ |
| GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/ - | | | | |
| Pork | 5,686 | 1,962 | 1,964 | 2,195 |
| Beef | 9,103 | 2,130 | 2,584 | 2,282 |

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U. S. D. A., the Armed Services and other Government Agencies.

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY - JANUARY 1, 1961

(Following summary based on the complete report released by the
Crop Reporting Board, AMS, February 13, 1961)

Cattle numbers on January 1, 1961, at 97.1 million head, were up 1 percent from the revised estimate of 96.2 million head a year earlier. Milk cow numbers declined 1 percent to 19.3 million head, the smallest number since 1909. Beef cow numbers increased 2 percent and the total of all other classes were up from a year earlier. Hog numbers, at 55.3 million head, were 6 percent below January 1, 1960, due to the decrease in the 1960 pig crop. Inventories of all sheep and lambs were down 1 percent from a year earlier. Chicken inventories decreased 3 percent from January 1, 1960, while turkeys increased 21 percent. The total inventory value of all livestock and poultry on farms and ranches January 1, 1961 was \$15.5 billion--up 2 percent from the same date last year.

CATTLE: The number of cattle and calves on farms and ranches January 1, 1961 is estimated at 97,139,000 head, up 1 percent from the revised estimate of 96,236,000 head for a year earlier. A 1 percent decrease in milk cows and dairy replacement heifers was more than offset by a 2 percent increase in other cattle, mostly beef-type. This is the third consecutive year cattle numbers have shown an increase. The January 1 total was 7 percent above the 1950-59 average of 90,789,000 head.

Changes in cattle numbers from a year earlier by regions varied from a 3 percent increase in the South Central region to a 1 percent decrease in the Western region. The North Atlantic and West North Central regions increased 1 percent, while the East North Central and South Atlantic remained the same. Changes from the previous year for most States were small. North Dakota, with an increase of 9 percent, had the largest percentage increase of any State. Oklahoma had the next largest increase with 4 percent. Seven States increased 3 percent. The largest percentage decreases were Nevada, with a 6 percent decrease, and Montana, Delaware, and Rhode Island each down 5 percent.

Commercial cattle slaughter in 1960 of 25,148,200 head was 10 percent more than in 1959, and calf slaughter, at 8,223,600 head, was up 7 percent. Imports of cattle from Mexico and Canada during the first 11 months of 1960 totaled 552,000 head compared with 640,000 for the same months in 1959.

Milk cows and heifers 2 years old and over at 19,291,000 head were down 1 percent from January 1, 1960 and 15 percent below the 10-year average. This is the 7th consecutive year with a decrease in milk cow numbers. The North Atlantic region had a 1 percent increase from a year earlier, while the South Central region showed a decrease of 4 percent. Other regions had decreases of 1 and 2 percent. The number of heifers 1-2 years of age being kept for milk cows was down 1 percent, while heifer calves kept for milk cows were up 1 percent.

The number of other cattle (all cattle except milk cows and dairy replacement heifers) was 2 percent above January 1, 1960. The 27.0 million cows other than those kept for milk were 2 percent more than a year earlier and 18 percent above the 1950-59 average number. Other heifers 1-2 years of age totaled 7.0 million head and were practically the same as a year earlier. Steers 1 year old and older, at 10.9 million head, were 4 percent above January 1, 1960. Other calves and bulls 1 year old and older were each up 1 percent. The January 1 inventory numbers include nearly 8.0 million head of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market.

HOGS: Hog numbers on farms January 1, 1961, are estimated at 55,305,000 head. This is 6 percent less than the 59,026,000 head on hand a year earlier, but 1 percent more than the 1950-59 average of 54,748,000 head. All regions showed a decrease in numbers from a year ago. In the Corn Belt (12 North Central States), which has about three-fourths of all hogs, the decrease in hog numbers was 5 percent from January 1, 1960. The inventory number of hogs decreased 8 percent in Missouri, 6 percent in Minnesota, 5 percent in Illinois, 4 percent in Iowa, and 3 percent in Indiana. Commercial slaughter of hogs in the United States during 1960 was 79.0 million head, 3 percent less than the number slaughtered in 1959.

Hogs and pigs under 6 months of age on farms January 1, 1961, totaled 37,853,000 head, 2 percent below the 38,747,000 on farms a year earlier. The fall pig crop which accounts for most of the hogs under 6 months of age was 3 percent smaller than the 1959 fall crop. The number of sows and gilts on farms is estimated as 7,830,000--4 percent more than a year earlier. Market hogs over 6 months old (excluding sows and gilts for breeding) on January 1 at 9,622,000 head were 25 percent less than a year earlier.

SHEEP: The number of stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches January 1, 1961 was 28,677,000 head. This inventory is 1 percent below the 28,849,000 head recorded a year earlier, and with that exception was the highest inventory since 1948. Sheep and lambs on feed for market, at 4,255,000 head were 2 percent fewer than on January 1, 1960. All sheep and lambs, including those on feed for market, totaled 32,932,000 head, a decline of 1 percent from a year earlier.

Ewe lamb numbers were 89 percent of a year earlier with all regions showing a decline. The number of ewes 1 year old and over increased 1 percent. Wether and ram lambs were 122 percent of the number on January 1, 1960. Rams and wethers 1 year old and over were up 1 percent.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: NUMBER ON FARMS JANUARY 1, 1952-61, FOR THE UNITED STATES

| Year | Cattle | Cow 2 years + for milk 1/ | Hogs | Stock sheep | Chickens | Turkeys |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head |
| Number on farms | | | | | | |
| 1952..... | 88,072 | 23,060 | 62,117 | 27,944 | 426,555 | 5,725 |
| 1953..... | 94,241 | 23,549 | 51,755 | 27,593 | 398,158 | 5,086 |
| 1954..... | 95,679 | 23,896 | 45,114 | 27,079 | 396,776 | 4,956 |
| 1955..... | 96,592 | 23,462 | 50,474 | 27,137 | 390,708 | 4,917 |
| 1956..... | 95,900 | 22,912 | 55,354 | 26,890 | 383,690 | 4,937 |
| 1957..... | 92,860 | 22,325 | 51,897 | 26,348 | 391,363 | 5,828 |
| 1958..... | 91,176 | 21,265 | 51,517 | 27,167 | 374,281 | 5,612 |
| 1959..... | 93,322 | 20,132 | 58,045 | 28,108 | 387,002 | 6,105 |
| 1960..... | 96,236 | 19,527 | 59,026 | 28,849 | 369,484 | 5,633 |
| 1961..... | 97,139 | 19,291 | 55,305 | 28,677 | 357,910 | 6,840 |

1/ Included in all cattle.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, BY CLASSES, UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1

| Class | Average 1950-59 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1961 as percent of 1960 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | 1,000 head | Percent |
| Cattle and calves | 90,789 | 93,322 | 96,236 | 97,139 | 101 |
| Kept for milk | 34,368 | 30,708 | 30,181 | 29,936 | 99 |
| Cows 2 yrs. and older | 22,802 | 20,132 | 19,527 | 19,291 | 99 |
| Heifers 1 to 2 yrs | 5,498 | 5,050 | 5,079 | 5,034 | 99 |
| Heifer calves | 6,068 | 5,526 | 5,575 | 5,611 | 101 |
| Other cattle | 56,421 | 62,614 | 66,055 | 67,203 | 102 |
| Cows 2 yrs. and older | 22,931 | 25,112 | 26,344 | 26,984 | 102 |
| Heifers 1 to 2 yrs | 5,985 | 6,557 | 7,036 | 7,018 | 100 |
| Calves | 17,184 | 19,407 | 20,425 | 20,556 | 101 |
| Steers 1 yr. and older | 8,571 | 9,931 | 10,574 | 10,948 | 104 |
| Bulls 1 yr. and older | 1,749 | 1,607 | 1,676 | 1,697 | 101 |
| Sheep and lambs | 31,291 | 32,606 | 33,170 | 32,932 | 99 |
| On feed | 4,121 | 4,498 | 4,321 | 4,255 | 98 |
| Stock sheep | 27,170 | 28,108 | 28,849 | 28,677 | 99 |
| Lambs | 4,951 | 5,196 | 5,283 | 4,948 | 94 |
| Ewe | 4,143 | 4,549 | 4,562 | 4,067 | 89 |
| Wether and ram | 808 | 647 | 721 | 881 | 122 |
| 1 yr. and older | 22,219 | 22,912 | 23,566 | 23,729 | 101 |
| Ewes | 21,123 | 21,832 | 22,406 | 22,552 | 101 |
| Rams | 850 | 893 | 927 | 918 | 99 |
| Wethers | 245 | 187 | 233 | 259 | 111 |
| Hogs and pigs | 54,748 | 58,045 | 59,026 | 55,305 | 94 |
| Under 6 months | 32,281 | 38,236 | 38,747 | 37,853 | 98 |
| 6 months and older | 22,467 | 19,809 | 20,279 | 17,452 | 86 |
| Sows and gilts | 8,892 | 8,819 | 7,531 | 7,830 | 104 |
| Others | 13,576 | 10,990 | 12,748 | 9,622 | 75 |
| Chickens | 403,607 | 387,002 | 369,484 | 357,910 | 97 |
| Hens | 126,793 | 120,826 | 126,747 | 131,460 | 104 |
| Pullets | 251,822 | 246,030 | 225,019 | 208,608 | 93 |
| Other | 24,991 | 20,146 | 17,718 | 17,842 | 101 |

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The 1960 calf crop totaled 39,280,000 head, 1 percent more than the 1959 calf crop of 38,938,000 head. The increase for 1960 was the second year of increase after the 1955 through 1958 downtrend in calf crops. The 1960 calf crop was 1 percent above the 1949-58 average of 38,886,000 head. All regions except the South Atlantic show larger calf crops in 1960.

The increased calf crop in 1960 compared with the previous year was due primarily to a larger number of cows and heifers on farms. Cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1960 totaled 45,871,000 head, compared with 45,244,000 head January 1, 1959, and by January 1, 1961 the number had increased to 46,275,000 head.

The number of calves born in 1960, expressed as a percent of the cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1960, at 86 percent, was the same as for 1959 and the 1949-58 average. This percentage is not strictly a calving rate since the January 1 inventory of cows and heifers 2 years old and older does not include all heifers which give birth to calves during the year and includes some cows that die or are slaughtered before calving. This percentage is calculated to show trend in productivity over a period of time, and may fluctuate from year to year due to variation in cow slaughter and trends in breeding herd replacement.

N O R T H C E N T R A L S T A T E S

The 16,007,000-head calf crop in the North Central States was slightly higher than in 1959, but 3 percent below the 10-year average. The East North Central States had virtually the same size calf crop as in 1959 and the West North Central States had a slightly larger calf crop. The 1960 calf crop for this region was 89 percent of the cows and heifers 2 years old and older the first of the year, the same percentage as in 1959.

S O U T H E R N S T A T E S

In the South Atlantic States the 1960 calf crop, at 2,966,000 head, was 2 percent below 1959. However, in the South Central States the calf crop last year was 10,540,000 head--3 percent higher than in 1959. The calf crop as a percent of cows and heifers 2 years old and older was 77 percent (down 1 point) in the South Atlantic States and 83 percent, unchanged from a year earlier, in the South Central States.

W E S T E R N S T A T E S

The 1960 calf crop in the Western States totaled 6,943,000 head and exceeded the 1959 calf crop of 6,889,000 head by 1 percent. The calf crop as a percent of cows 2 years old and older was 86 percent compared with 88 percent in 1959.

Calf crop: 1959 and 1960

| State and division: | Cows and heifers 2 yrs. & older January 1 | | | Calves born as percent of cows and heifers 2 yrs. & older January 1 1/ | | | Calves born | | |
|---------------------|---|--------|--------|--|---------|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| | 10-year average | 1959 | 1960 | 10-year average | 1959 | 1960 | 10-year average | 1959 | 1960 |
| | 1949-58 | | | 1949-58 | | | 1949-58 | | |
| | head | head | head | Percent | Percent | Percent | head | head | head |
| Maine | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| N.H. | 127 | 114 | 113 | 85 | 83 | 85 | 108 | 95 | 96 |
| Vt. | 70 | 61 | 60 | 84 | 85 | 87 | 59 | 52 | 52 |
| Mass. | 303 | 291 | 288 | 82 | 85 | 85 | 248 | 247 | 245 |
| R.I. | 126 | 104 | 104 | 82 | 83 | 85 | 103 | 86 | 88 |
| Conn. | 19 | 17 | 16 | 81 | 76 | 79 | 16 | 13 | 13 |
| N.Y. | 118 | 103 | 100 | 81 | 80 | 83 | 96 | 82 | 83 |
| N.J. | 1,470 | 1,417 | 1,409 | 86 | 84 | 86 | 1,261 | 1,190 | 1,212 |
| Pa. | 157 | 147 | 144 | 79 | 79 | 81 | 124 | 116 | 117 |
| N.A. | 1,059 | 1,074 | 1,068 | 85 | 86 | 86 | 902 | 924 | 918 |
| Ohio | 3,449 | 3,328 | 3,302 | 84 | 84 | 86 | 2,915 | 2,805 | 2,824 |
| Ind. | 1,140 | 1,039 | 1,025 | 86 | 85 | 86 | 978 | 883 | 882 |
| Ill. | 940 | 839 | 825 | 89 | 87 | 87 | 839 | 730 | 718 |
| Mich. | 1,442 | 1,321 | 1,316 | 90 | 88 | 88 | 1,294 | 1,162 | 1,158 |
| Wis. | 977 | 825 | 824 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 830 | 701 | 700 |
| E.N.C. | 2,532 | 2,532 | 2,525 | 91 | 89 | 90 | 2,310 | 2,253 | 2,272 |
| Minn. | 7,031 | 6,556 | 6,515 | 89 | 87 | 88 | 6,251 | 5,729 | 5,730 |
| Iowa | 1,746 | 1,740 | 1,742 | 91 | 89 | 89 | 1,591 | 1,549 | 1,550 |
| Mo. | 1,955 | 1,936 | 1,936 | 94 | 92 | 91 | 1,838 | 1,781 | 1,762 |
| N.Dak. | 1,808 | 1,826 | 1,858 | 91 | 90 | 89 | 1,651 | 1,643 | 1,654 |
| S.Dak. | 886 | 952 | 953 | 90 | 91 | 89 | 792 | 866 | 848 |
| Nebr. | 1,411 | 1,529 | 1,531 | 90 | 91 | 93 | 1,270 | 1,391 | 1,424 |
| Kans. | 1,791 | 1,821 | 1,855 | 90 | 90 | 89 | 1,623 | 1,647 | 1,660 |
| W.N.C. | 1,692 | 1,511 | 1,585 | 89 | 90 | 87 | 1,514 | 1,360 | 1,379 |
| N.C. | 11,288 | 11,315 | 11,460 | 91 | 90 | 90 | 10,279 | 10,237 | 10,277 |
| Del. | 18,320 | 17,871 | 17,975 | 90 | 89 | 89 | 16,530 | 15,966 | 16,007 |
| Md. | 41 | 36 | 35 | 79 | 80 | 78 | 32 | 29 | 27 |
| Va. | 282 | 280 | 279 | 84 | 84 | 83 | 237 | 235 | 232 |
| W.Va. | 731 | 721 | 753 | 83 | 85 | 84 | 606 | 613 | 633 |
| N.C. | 324 | 299 | 300 | 84 | 84 | 85 | 272 | 251 | 255 |
| S.C. | 503 | 512 | 507 | 78 | 80 | 77 | 391 | 410 | 390 |
| Ga. | 289 | 296 | 299 | 78 | 79 | 77 | 225 | 234 | 230 |
| Fla. | 716 | 755 | 748 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 572 | 604 | 598 |
| S.A. | 890 | 962 | 954 | 65 | 67 | 63 | 583 | 645 | 601 |
| Ky. | 3,776 | 3,861 | 3,875 | 77 | 78 | 77 | 2,918 | 3,021 | 2,966 |
| Tenn. | 949 | 1,045 | 1,076 | 88 | 91 | 88 | 837 | 951 | 947 |
| Ala. | 958 | 985 | 1,024 | 87 | 88 | 86 | 832 | 867 | 881 |
| Miss. | 891 | 934 | 939 | 78 | 80 | 81 | 697 | 747 | 761 |
| Ark. | 1,185 | 1,244 | 1,233 | 74 | 74 | 75 | 878 | 921 | 925 |
| La. | 798 | 791 | 795 | 81 | 80 | 81 | 642 | 633 | 644 |
| Okla. | 1,028 | 1,089 | 1,081 | 79 | 77 | 78 | 808 | 839 | 843 |
| Texas | 1,588 | 1,597 | 1,679 | 88 | 88 | 87 | 1,402 | 1,405 | 1,461 |
| S.C. | 4,674 | 4,636 | 4,855 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 3,950 | 3,894 | 4,078 |
| Mont. | 12,072 | 12,321 | 12,682 | 83 | 83 | 83 | 10,048 | 10,257 | 10,540 |
| Idaho | 1,081 | 1,181 | 1,201 | 91 | 90 | 90 | 989 | 1,063 | 1,081 |
| Wyo. | 527 | 602 | 613 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 466 | 542 | 539 |
| Colo. | 549 | 572 | 585 | 85 | 90 | 87 | 468 | 515 | 509 |
| N.Mex. | 880 | 886 | 900 | 88 | 88 | 89 | 770 | 780 | 801 |
| Ariz. | 678 | 649 | 671 | 81 | 86 | 84 | 552 | 558 | 564 |
| Utah | 454 | 386 | 396 | 79 | 80 | 75 | 359 | 309 | 297 |
| Nev. | 339 | 351 | 360 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 292 | 305 | 317 |
| Wash. | 296 | 278 | 281 | 77 | 79 | 80 | 228 | 220 | 225 |
| Oreg. | 504 | 524 | 544 | 87 | 90 | 85 | 439 | 472 | 462 |
| Calif. | 647 | 702 | 734 | 84 | 88 | 85 | 547 | 618 | 624 |
| West. | 1,615 | 1,732 | 1,752 | 84 | 87 | 87 | 1,366 | 1,507 | 1,524 |
| U.S. | 7,570 | 7,863 | 8,037 | 85 | 88 | 86 | 6,476 | 6,889 | 6,943 |
| | 45,187 | 45,244 | 45,871 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 38,886 | 36,938 | 39,280 |

1/ Not strictly a calving rate. Figure represents calves born expressed as percentage of the number of cows and heifers 2 years old and over on farms and ranches January 1.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | | Chicago | Omaha | Kansas City | Fort Worth | Denver | Ogden | North Portland |
|--|---------------|---------|-------|-------------|------------|--------|-------|----------------|
| SIAUGHTER LAMBS: (Woolled) - 110# down | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | Feb. 18, 1961 | 18.25 | -- | 17.62 | -- | -- | 18.00 | -- |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice | Feb. 18, 1961 | 17.42 | 17.25 | 16.88 | 16.75 | 17.38 | 17.25 | 17.75 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 21.10 | 20.10 | 20.25 | 18.60 | 20.75 | 19.75 | 20.06 |
| Good | Feb. 18, 1961 | 16.12 | 16.45 | 16.12 | 16.25 | 16.48 | 16.50 | 17.00 |
| | Feb. 20, 1960 | 20.30 | 19.40 | 19.12 | 18.10 | 20.00 | 19.00 | 19.41 |
| EWES: (Woolled) - All wts. | | | | | | | | |
| Good and | Feb. 18, 1961 | 6.75 | 6.65 | 5.50 | -- | 6.88 | 4.50 | 5.00* |
| Choice | Feb. 20, 1960 | 7.25 | 6.18 | 6.50 | -- | 7.00 | 5.75 | 6.75 |
| Cull and | Feb. 18, 1961 | 6.50 | 5.80 | 5.50 | 7.50* | 5.25 | 3.25 | 3.75* |
| Utility | Feb. 20, 1960 | 6.38 | 4.65 | 5.25 | 7.25* | 5.38 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts. | | | | | | | | |
| Good and | Feb. 18, 1961 | -- | 17.00 | -- | 15.82 | 17.25 | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| Choice | Feb. 20, 1960 | -- | 19.25 | -- | 17.95 | 19.62 | -- | 17.72 |

*Shorn basis.

LIVESTOCK PRICES AT CHICAGO COMPARED WITH WHOLESALE AND COMPOSITE RETAIL
MEAT PRICES AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MEAT VALUES AT NEW YORK

| | Steers | | | Lambs | | | Hogs | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Jan. 1961 | Dec. 1960 | Jan. 1960 | Jan. 1961 | Dec. 1960 | Jan. 1960 | Jan. 1961 | Dec. 1960 | Jan. 1960 |
| | 1961 | 1960 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1960 |
| Live animal prices | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago | 28.48 | 27.50 | 27.32 | 17.54 | 17.50 | 19.90 | 17.78 | 17.80 | 12.61 |
| Wholesale meat prices, New York | | | | | | | | | |
| prices, New York | 47.23 | 45.48 | 46.34 | 41.02 | 40.24 | 42.16 | -- | -- | -- |
| Composite retail meat prices, New York | | | | | | | | | |
| prices, New York | 78.54 | 77.42 | 77.04 | 62.03 | 62.51 | 63.92 | -- | -- | -- |
| Value of carcass meat from 100# live animal (Dollars) | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale-New York | 28.34 | 27.29 | 27.80 | 20.10 | 19.72 | 20.66 | 22.22 | 22.41 | 17.45 |
| Retail - New York | 36.91 | 36.39 | 36.21 | 29.28 | 29.50 | 30.17 | 29.45 | 29.85 | 24.24 |